



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

October 26, 2007

The Honorable John Laird  
California State Assembly  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Laird:

Thank you for your letter dated October 16, 2007, regarding the eradication program for the light brown apple moth (LBAM).

Eradication of the LBAM is of the utmost importance to the state of California in order to protect our environment and food supply from this invasive pest.

In response to your second letter, we continue to be committed to the public process that allows for outreach, discussion and resolution. Our eradication efforts are receiving broad support from throughout the state and the U.S. We hope that you and other leaders of this state will help us as we battle one of many invasive species here in California.

Enclosed, please find the responses to your additional questions.

Sincerely,

A.G. Kawamura  
Secretary

cc: Ms. Helene Wright, State Plant Director, California, USDA-APHIS  
Mr. Ken Corbishley, County of Santa Cruz Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer  
Mr. Eric Lauritzen, Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer

Enclosure

